

## **MINORITY HEALTH/HEALTH DISPARITIES ACTIVITIES 2Q10**

### **CENTER FOR HEALTH ADVANCEMENT**

#### **Chronic Disease**

Rachel Luckett and Joyce Eatmon (Diabetes Prevention program) are planning an oral presentation on the barriers identified by African Americans living with diabetes for the Division of Diabetes and Translation/ CDC Program Directors/Coordinators meeting in Kansas City, Missouri April 13-16, 2010. Their presentation will highlight the results of focus groups that were conducted in 2009 in Central Arkansas.

#### **Family Health**

ConnectCare staff attended Arkansas Minority Health Commission Health Fair, Medicaid in the Schools Summit, and Hispanic Youth Leadership Event in North Little Rock to exhibit and promote ConnectCare services in January.

ConnectCare continues to offer a Spanish version of their quarterly newsletter geared to Medicaid recipients.

ConnectCare joined the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) to enhance outreach efforts for Hispanic Community and hired a Spanish interpreter for the Helpline Specialist position in January.

ConnectCare attended Arkansas Minority Health Commission Health Fair at the State Capitol Rotunda in February to exhibit and promote ConnectCare services and make off site PCP assignments.

Outreach Coordinator Maria Ruvalcaba attended the Southwest Little Rock Hometown Health Coalition Meeting March 15. She will be providing ongoing support to this coalition which includes the zip code 72209 with a large Hispanic population.

#### **Lifestage Health**

Copies of the book "How to Help Heavy Kids" have been shared with state partners (ACH, ACHI, UAMS/AHEC, and CHAC) in March to gain support for distribution.

Lifestage Health is actively recruiting minority members (race, ethnicity, SES, age, etc.) to ArCOP (Arkansas Coalition for Obesity Prevention) to ensure that all stakeholders are fairly represented.

**Nutrition/WIC**

*WIC Multicultural Awareness Training Diversity without Adversity* (Course ID: 1019889) make-up session was held on February 22, 2010. Twenty-three professionals attended. The training provided Nurses and Dietitians who successfully completed all course requirements with 5 CNEs or 5 CPEs available through A-TRAIN. The training was designed to provide WIC competent professional authorities (CPAs) with information and the skills to more effectively assess and deliver quality services to WIC clients with cultural differences.

**Office of Oral Health**

The 4<sup>th</sup> Arkansas Mission of Mercy (ArMOM) is scheduled for May 21-22 in Monticello. Volunteer dentists will provide free dental care to approximately 2000 underserved and needy patients during the two-day clinic.